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## From the Editorial Board

Summer... traditionally a time to try something new. Hopefully to be fortunate enough to relax a bit. New and hopefully relaxing as well this summer is our incoming TBS President, Wendy Gutterson. We welcome Wendy’s enthusiastic devotion to our Temple, which I personally experienced when our family first joined many moons ago. Not only has she been a welcoming spirit at TBS, she has served in numerous roles - chairing committees, helping with the search for our wonderful Rabbi Todd, and serving most recently as Executive Vice President - but who’s counting? (Read her column to see why I say that!)

Also in this issue, we hear about efforts underway to help refugee families be able to embrace not just their summers but their new lives here. We hear about services that can help those dealing with end of life. And on a lighter note, we hear about a few jobs that made for indelible summer memories.

Wherever your summer may lead, we on the Editorial Board of the *Scroll* wish you a peaceful, healthy, and rejuvenating time. We look forward to welcoming you back from your summer sojourns with the September issue.

### Let us hear from you!

We always welcome your input – especially for articles that may be of interest, and especially if you’d like to write one! Please email [scroll@tbsneedham.org](mailto:scroll@tbsneedham.org) with your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

**Are you or your family from Ukraine? Do you know people who are or were living there until the recent atrocities? Have you been working to help with the crisis in Ukraine?**

If so, our hearts are with you. If you have a story to tell and are willing to share it with our readers, please let us know. Similarly, if you have been lending a hand to help, we’d like to hear about it.

Word limit: 175. Please include photos if relevant. Deadline: July 15.

Email [Scroll@tbsneedham.org](mailto:Scroll@tbsneedham.org).

*Joni Burstein on behalf of the Editorial Board*

## Services in June

*Services will be in person and via live stream for the month of June.  
Please check the TBS website and emails for livestream links.*

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 2 (3 SIVAN 5782)**

*B'Midbar*, Numbers 3:1-16  
B. Mitzvah: Joshua Weiner

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 3 (5 SIVAN 5782)**

6:00 PM — Tot Shabbat Service (Back Parking Lot)  
7:15 PM — Simchat Shabbat Evening Service (Sanctuary)  
Confirmation

### **SATURDAY JUNE 4 (5 SIVAN 5782)**

*B'Midbar*, Numbers 1:1 — 4:20  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Service  
(Beit Midrash & Online)  
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Beit Midrash)  
9:15 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)  
B. Mitzvah: Alex Sirk and Hayden Krug  
B. Mitzvah: Zachary Wasserman

### **SUNDAY JUNE 5 (6 SIVAN 5782)**

9:00 AM — Shavuot Morning Service + Yizkor  
(Beit Midrash & Online)

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 10 (12 SIVAN 5782)**

7:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 11 (12 SIVAN 5782)**

*Naso*, Numbers 4:21 — 7:89  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Service  
(Beit Midrash & Online)

9:00 AM — Torah Study (Beit Midrash)  
9:15 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)  
B. Mitzvah: Eliana Skolnick and Harold Skolnick

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 17 (19 SIVAN 5782)**

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 18 (19 SIVAN 5782)**

*B'Ha'a'lotcha*, Numbers 8:1 — 12:16  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Service  
(Beit Midrash & Online)  
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Beit Midrash)  
9:15 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)  
B. Mitzvah: Sam Levine  
B. Mitzvah: Ethan Robbins

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 24 (26 SIVAN 5782)**

7:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 25 (26 SIVAN 5782)**

*Shlach L'cha*, Numbers 13:1 — 15:41  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Service  
(Beit Midrash & Online)  
9:00 AM — Lay-led Torah Study (Beit Midrash)  
B. Mitzvah: Caleb Galhouse-Winer

#### **Please join the TBS Community for *Minyan***

- Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM online and in the Beit Midrash.
- Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM  
Zoom links are in the "TBS This Week" email.

## Committee Meetings in June – Stay Involved!

*Committees not listed will not meet formally this month.*

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Email Contact for Information</b>
Adult Learning	Wed. June 1, 7:30 PM	AdultLearning@tbsneedham.org
Brotherhood	Tue. June 14, 7:15 PM	Brotherhood@tbsneedham.org
Communications	Wed. June 15, 7:15 PM	Communications@tbsneedham.org
Environmental Action	Thur. June 23, 7:15 PM	EnvironAction@tbsneedham.org
Library	Every Wednesday, 9:30 AM	Library@tbsneedham.org
Sisterhood Leadership Council	Wed. June 1, 7:30 PM	Sisterhood@tbsneedham.org
Social Action	Wed. June 8, 7:15 PM	SocialAction@tbsneedham.org
Tzedek	Mon. June 13, 7:15 PM	Tzedek@tbsneedham.org
Worship	Tue. June 21, 7:15 PM	Worship@tbsneedham.org

*Please check with the email contact in case of a change in date and for meeting location.*



From Our Clergy

# Addition by Subtraction

By Rabbi Jay Perlman

This last edition of the *Scroll* before we all step into summer is the perfect time to reflect upon the importance of what is before us. During a year that is more typical, June provides an opportunity to be mindful of how we will experience July and August. All the more so, as we experience our third year of navigating Covid, is it essential that we consider how to make the most of the coming weeks. Jewish tradition is rich in teachings of our need to pause... slow down... and recharge. Shabbat, as the heartbeat of Jewish time, commands rest. Shavuot, the holiday which recalls the legendary revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai, notably, is set in the desert – a place of emptiness and quiet. In the narrative of Torah, Moses is called upon by God not in thunder or earthquake, but rather through a humble burning bush. In Judaism and in life, new awakenings and awareness emerge from settings of calm and tranquility. It is the spiritual expression of the adage: ‘addition by subtraction.’

In soul, as well as in mind and in body, we need these weeks ahead. Oftentimes, however, our tendency is to lean into what comes more easily: remain busy and productive. It comes from a mindset that regards human beings as machines – from a focus on valuing constant ‘output generation’ more than what we, personally, take in. We find this outlook even in some of the language that we use. We talk about ourselves as being “plugged in.” We refer to items that we are focusing upon as being on our “radar screens.” We speak about “downloading” information into our own consciences. Time in the desert or in natural beauty... time on the 7th day... time during longer days of summer... these times invite us to breathe deeply and regain energies and outlook lost. As we step into these coming weeks, it is my heartfelt prayer that we make the most of summer’s soul-restoring potential.

As an important aside, moments of transition such as this are also an opportunity to look back, appreciate how far we have come, and express thanks. As we come to the close of a full year of gathering, supporting, strengthening,



learning, planning, inspiring, celebrating, creating, “Zooming,” and growing with one another, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for sharing your life journeys as part of our TBS community! Thank you to our entire circle of lay leadership – most especially to our outgoing President, Eugene Stein – for your depth of thoughtfulness, dedication, and commitment to our community! As well, thank you to our entire TBS professional team for all that you do – every single day – to ensure that our congregation shines in our lives and in the world around us!

Emily, Liana, and Jonah join me in wishing each and every one of you a wonderful summer. I look forward to hearing how your time of “subtraction” brought additional joy and blessing into your life!



From Our Board of Trustees

# Count Me In

By Wendy Gutterson, Congregational President

Dear Friends,

As I write this, my first column as President of Temple Beth Shalom, it is mid-April and we've just celebrated the first two nights of Passover. As you are reading the *Scroll*, it is likely early June. The 49-day period between my writing and your reading coincides with the Jewish tradition of counting the Omer, numbering each day over these seven weeks. While I admit that counting the Omer is not a typical activity in my family, counting certainly plays an important role in our lives.

As a self-professed numbers geek, I do a lot of counting. As a management professional, I focus on volume, revenue, and measures of performance. Our communities count many things such as population and voter turnout. At our TBS Board Meetings, we count trustees to ensure a quorum to qualitatively represent our members. In our education programs, we count learners and teachers to ensure safe and effective ratios. In fact, our beloved Torah has an entire book dedicated to, well, Numbers.

Yet counting is so much more than 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...

Counting also means that we matter to each other, that we care about each other. We see proof of this each and every day in the work performed by our clergy, educators, and staff, by our Board of Trustees and our Leadership Council members. Each of us is part of a vibrant community made extraordinary by the efforts of many. Temple Beth Shalom is stronger because of these actions and, while they are too numerous to list in this 500-word column, I do want to highlight a few opportunities for you.

**Sisterhood and Brotherhood** – these Temple communities welcome all adult members of the congregation to come together for social events, celebration, and programs that make a difference in our world

**TBS ConNEXTions** – our newest community for adults in their 40s–60s and offers opportunities for friendship, learning, and social activities

**Three Score/More or Less** – offers social, cultural, spiritual, and educational programs to connect our ages 55 and up community members to each other and to TBS



**Families with Young Children** –

in addition to our outstanding preschool program, we offer Tot Shabbat, holiday celebrations, parenting classes and so much more

**Chesed** – offers compassionate outreach throughout our community during times of challenge and times of joy: members knit, cook, visit, and extend *chesed* (loving care) on behalf of us all

**Worship** – each week there are many opportunities for worship, including Shabbat services, daily *minyan*, and Torah study; and of course, all are welcome

In addition to what I've specifically outlined above, Temple Beth Shalom offers countless ways to become involved: working on the *Scroll*, participating in an Adult Learning program, volunteering at the Welcome Desk, participating in a Social Action initiative... There's something for everyone at TBS, and I'm personally inviting you to step forward, step in, and join me in counting our blessings.

Please consider this more than an invitation... I'm counting on you.

L'Shalom,

Wendy



# B. Mitzvah

## **Joshua Weiner, Thursday, June 2**

**School:** Pollard Middle School

**Interests:** Joshua enjoys baseball, skiing, tennis, video games, playing guitar, spending time with friends, and summers at Camp Micah.

**Mitzvah Project:** Joshua volunteered at Family Table, organized by Jewish Family & Children's Service, where he gathered and delivered groceries for those in need.

## **Hayden Krug, Saturday, June 4**

**School:** High Rock Middle School

**Interests:** Hayden is a talented pianist, singer, and songwriter, who is also a sports fanatic and plays softball and basketball.

**Mitzvah Project:** Hayden volunteers at Special Needs Arts Programs, Inc., where she is a Peer Mentor in an art class for children with special needs.

## **Alex Yun Sirk, Saturday, June 4**

**School:** Pollard Middle School

**Interests:** Alex loves playing with his guinea pigs, hanging out with friends, and playing flag football.

**Mitzvah Project:** Alex worked at a food pantry organizing and handing out food and other items to those who needed them.

## **Zachary Wasserman, Saturday, June 4**

**School:** Gann Academy

**Interests:** Zachary loves skiing, karate, Star Trek, video games, and traveling the world. He is also interested in cars and science.

**Mitzvah Project:** Zachary chose to do his project at Community Servings because they provide healthy food for people with chronic illnesses.

## **Eliana Skolnick, Saturday, June 11**

**School:** Pollard Middle School

**Interests:** Eliana loves swimming, soccer, Cape Cod, and spending time with family and friends.

**Mitzvah Project:** Eliana organized a school backpack and supply drive for Jewish Family & Children's Service.

## **Harold Skolnick, Saturday, June 11**

**School:** High Rock Middle School

**Interests:** Harold is a big fan of basketball, Boston Celtics, and NASCAR. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends.

**Mitzvah Project:** Harold organized a school backpack and supply drive for Jewish Family & Children's Service.

## **Sam Levine, Saturday, June 18**

**School:** Pollard Middle School

**Interests:** Sam is a thrill-seeking kid who loves to ski, mountain bike, and play baseball.

**Mitzvah Project:** Sam volunteered at Bikes Not Bombs, an organization using bicycles to create social change and economic mobility for marginalized people.



# B. Mitzvah

## **Ethan Robbins, Saturday, June 18**

**School:** Pollard Middle School

**Interests:** Ethan loves playing baseball and his summers at Camp Tevya. He also enjoys snowboarding, comics, playing guitar, and hanging with friends.

**Mitzvah Project:** Ethan raised funds for Needham Community Council by hosting a dog photo event. He also visits with seniors at NewBridge.

## **Caleb Galhouse-Winer, Saturday, June 25**

**School:** High Rock Middle School

**Interests:** Caleb enjoys art and music, and spends his time playing the guitar, drawing, and thinking deeply.

**Mitzvah Project:** Caleb is busking to raise awareness around food insecurity, with the donations going to organizations working to fight hunger.

*To participate in B. Mitzvah services,  
join us in person in the Sanctuary, or check your Shabbat email for Vimeo links.*

## Welcome New Members

Gregory and Audrey Dunn and Jack (not yet 1) and Reuben (not yet 1)  
Katie and Eric Feins and Jocelyn (6) and Jackson (3)  
Adam and Jillian Greenberg and Lucas (1)  
Sharon and Martin Kemp and Iris (6) and Simon (5)  
Ryan Levasseur and Jeffrey Garber and Claire (4)  
Jaclyn and Corey Rosenfield and Arielle (7) and Harrison (5)  
Eli and Kelly Rosofsky and Leigh (6) and Sophie (4) and Logan (1)  
Amy and Aaron Shapiro and Ryan (6) and Dylan (4)  
Cory and Nicole Siegel and Avery (8) and Oliver (5)



# June Highlights

## Brotherhood BBQ

**Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Ed Zaval's Backyard**

See old friends *punim* to *punim*, make new friends, and enjoy a traditional backyard BBQ with all the fixin's. Beer and soft drinks will be served.

All to the accompaniment of musical entertainment by Theophonic Haze, aka The Official Purim Band. Bring your guitar, mandolin, banjo, or zither if you want to sit in with the band!

Bring a chair and pray for sun. Rain date is Wednesday, June 8.

To register go to [t-b-s.me/brotherhoodbbq](https://t-b-s.me/brotherhoodbbq).



## Annual Congregational Meeting

**Thursday, June 2, 7:15 PM**

At the virtual Annual Meeting, we will:

- Celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and look with excitement to the year ahead
- Honor the leadership contributions of our retiring elected Officers, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members
- Present and vote on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year
- Review and vote on the Minutes from the June 2021 Annual Meeting
- Present the proposed new TBS Officers, Trustees and Nominating Committee members and then vote on these positions

To register go to [t-b-s.me/annualmeeting](https://t-b-s.me/annualmeeting).

## Families with Young Children Mini-Golf

**Sunday, June 12, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Spend a morning playing mini-golf in the TBS parking lot! Geared towards preschoolers old enough to safely play mini-golf through elementary schoolers... all with an adult.

To register go to [t-b-s.me/minigolf](https://t-b-s.me/minigolf).

### Farewell Dear Rabbi

We wish a warm farewell to Rabbi Julie Bressler, who will be heading to her native California to become an Associate Rabbi at Temple Sinai in Oakland. Please join us for Shabbat evening services on Friday, June 24, at 7:15 PM, to celebrate and express our gratitude to Rabbi Julie.





# Recurring Events

## Pre-Shabbat Yoga

**Concludes Friday, June 3, 9:00-10:00 AM, TBS and online**

Join Stephanie Javaheri every Friday morning **through June 3rd** for pre-Shabbat yoga. Yoga is all about the inside and not the pretty or bendy postures that we see on the outside. It's about self-inquiry, observation, and awareness of your body, breath, and mind to help feel more grounded.

Set aside preconceived yogic notions and come experience an hour of bliss with slow mindful movement. No experience is necessary. Just an open mind.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/yoga](https://t-b-s.me/yoga).



## Israeli Dance

**Mondays, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Join Emily Perlman for a wonderful Israeli dance experience. Israeli dance is a great way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. This is an intermediate-level class for those who have some Israeli dance experience. Those who are willing to learn by watching others are also encouraged to attend. The tuition is \$5 per session, which is paid when you attend.



## Bag Lunch and Breakfast

### Monthly Food Drive-up Collection for Homeless Shelters

**Friday, June 17, 9:15-9:45 AM in the TBS Front Parking Lot**

TBS Social Action needs your help with our monthly collection of bag lunches and breakfast foods for donation to homeless shelters in the Brockton area. This is a great project to do individually or as a family! Participate in this monthly *mitzvah* to help feed the increasingly large numbers of homeless guests at these shelters. There are many options: make bag lunches or donate cases of water, juice, or a variety of breakfast items.

It's easy! Our collection team will be in the TBS front parking lot, on the far side from the Temple, at the corner of Highland Avenue and Webster Street, ready to safely transfer your donations from your car as you drive up.

To sign up for specific food donation items, go to [t-b-s.me/baglunch](https://t-b-s.me/baglunch).

If you can't make it on June 17, just sign up for your food donation items and email us at [socialaction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:socialaction@tbsneedham.org) to arrange for an earlier delivery date.

For questions contact [socialaction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:socialaction@tbsneedham.org).



# Mayim Tamid: Meeting Families' Needs with Jewish Learning and Child Care

By Liron Riess

It all started in 2016, when a group of parents asked a simple question: Can my child come to *Mayim* more than once a week? Six years later, *Mayim Tamid* (*Mayim Always*), a program that offers deeper engagement in Judaic learning and Hebrew as well as a child care solution for some working parents, has become a second home to many of our children.

During our pilot year (2016-2017), nine families signed their children up to participate several days a week after school in a parallel program to *Mayim*. For September 2022, we already have 92 children registered! *Mayim Tamid* clearly seems to be meeting a real need among families in the TBS community. A natural continuation for children who are rising from the Children Center, *Mayim Tamid* provides not only a place for children to reunite with their TBS friends as they journey on to different elementary schools, but also a rich experience of learning and engagement for children in our community.



*Our first Mayim Tamid group*

## What Does *Mayim Tamid* Include?

*Mayim Tamid* children follow the same Jewish curriculum as their peers in *Mayim*: an age-appropriate, vibrant, experiential learning program that allows children from all learning styles to participate. In addition, the children in *Mayim Tamid*, having more days to attend, take the lessons into a deeper exploration and have more time to engage in immersive activities. Being an after-school program, the children also have time for general enrichment activities that do not necessarily focus on Jewish learning, such as STEM explorations, arts and crafts, and building.

## Giving Back to the Community

Being at the Temple so often, the *Mayim Tamid* children develop strong bonds with our faculty and TBS staff, as well as a sense of ownership and responsibility towards our space and our community. We often have gratitude projects that include visiting TBS's administration and leadership offices to provide a note of thanks or a treat. We help with community projects like organization of COVID test boxes, cleanup of the Temple grounds, *mishloach manot* assembly for Purim, holiday space decorations, tzedakah drives, and more! We hope and already see how that strong bond will last for years to come and will establish a positive association with TBS and Jewish spaces in general.



*Making hamantaschen for our families*

## Early Release Days

When Needham Public Schools release children midday about twice monthly for faculty professional development, many parents find having *Mayim Tamid* open to them on those days helps with their work schedules. Children arrive on the school buses, are served hot pizza for lunch, and immediately engage in learning and activities. On each Early Release Day, we create a *Yom Kef* (Fun Day) with specific learning goals in mind. For example, *Yom Katom* (Orange Day) in October was





Israeli Dancing during Early Release Day

packed with fall activities, and most of the children and teachers were dressed in *katom* – orange! During Israel Day, the children learned Israeli dances, created Israel-inspired art, and played their very favorite Israeli ball game – Gaga! For Purim *Yom Kef*, the children dressed in costumes, baked hamantaschen,



Playing gaga during Early Release Day

and packed *mishloach manot* for their families. *Yom Kef* allows our faculty to design a mixed-age festive day that creates a special community engagement like no other.

### Remote Learning During the Pandemic

Perhaps the time that *Mayim Tamid* most answered our community's needs was during the 2020 – 2021 school year, when Needham Public Schools alternated weeks between in-person attendance and learning through Zoom classes and independent school work. *Mayim Tamid* became a home for children to be learning remotely. Our dedicated educators supported children connecting to Zoom lessons on iPads and using headphones so



Remote Zoom classes at TBS during pandemic

children could listen to lessons from different schools and teachers in the same space, and helped kids with independent work. At the end of the school day, children continued with Jewish learning. Allowing children and families to maintain as much normalcy as possible and providing children with much-needed social interactions in a safe environment, *Mayim Tamid* met the needs of the community during a critical time.



Relaxing with enrichment activities after school

Arriving off the bus after a long day at school, being fed and cared for, and forming a strong Jewish identity and connection to our Temple, our *Mayim Tamid* students have found a warm and close community that is deeply engaged in Jewish life and celebrates Shabbat, holidays, end-of-the-year accomplishments and graduation at the end of 5th grade. *Mayim Tamid* is a “community within a community” with memories that will last a lifetime.



Home away from home



# Chesed: Introducing End-of-Life Doulas

*As families and their loved ones deal with end-of-life thoughts, questions, and issues, our clergy often play an important role. There is another profession that exists solely to help patients and families address the extensive range of issues, logistics, and emotions that this stage of life entails — an end-of-life doula. An end-of-life doula is a non-medical member of a team that may include doctors, nurses, hospice staff, social workers, and religious or spiritual advisors. A doula can help with tasks such as providing non-medical emotional/spiritual support and soothing physical comfort measures; helping to craft legacy letters/ethical wills; assisting with completion of advanced care directives and/or funeral and burial plans; providing respite for caregivers; connecting patients to resources; sitting vigil; and assisting family members during times of grief and bereavement.*

*Finding ways for patients to have a “good end of life” is gaining increasing focus. As such, the Chesed Committee invited Marcia Zais, an end-of-life doula, to give her perspective on this profession and to host an in-person panel discussion on the topic in the Fall of 2022.*

Judaism has many different ways of addressing the end of life and what happens after we die. This conversation, as one might expect, is complex and holds many variations with regards to belief, hope, understanding, and response. “Why am I here?” “What do I believe regarding God?” “What is my purpose?” In Judaism, there are many right answers, and one of the roles Judaism plays in our lives is to help us find the right answer for each of us. Our consideration of our personal beliefs regarding end-of-life may come at any age. We are especially mindful of this as we ourselves age, during a time of significant illness, or when someone we love is facing their own mortality.

— Rabbi Jay

## Navigating a Loved One’s Passage with an End-of-Life Doula

By Marcia Zais

Most of us resist looking at our own mortality, but dying is inevitable for all of us. We plan and prepare for the most important parts of our life – i.e., births, marriages, education, retirement, buying a home, or even taking a trip. So, preparing for the final passage of our lives should be no different. We do this because it is a gift to those we love, so their grieving is not complicated by the additional burden of guessing or searching for important information. Loved ones will appreciate and know clearly how to carry out the patient’s wishes. And for the patient, when these wishes are fulfilled, there is a sense of completion.

Some say, liberation.



There is a time to plan and organize and then there is a time to be still and present. So often family and dear friends are uncomfortable, not knowing what to say or do, and the doula can offer meaningful ways to share and support these conversations and times of silence. This art of being silent is a gift of deep understanding and compassion that is felt by both patient and loved ones. A doula will help both the family and patient navigate through these difficult times with a knowledgeable understanding heart.

An end-of-life doula is a practitioner who assists with many different facets in the final chapter of life. A doula assists in preparing and guiding the family and patient through all the stages that lie ahead. And an end-of-life doula can be as involved as the patient and family want them to be.

Just as doctors and nurses have specialties, so too do end-of-life doulas. Many have a background in hospice, nursing, social work, ministry, and creating legacy projects. There are many aspects to address as the end-of-life approaches, and the doula can coordinate information and tasks with all members of the team. This makes everything cohesive so that everyone involved has an understanding of all the logistics, including the patient and the family. It is so important that the patient and family feel the support and clarity of information with thoughtful compassion. This transforms the fear and anxiety to a calmer state of being.

End-of-life doulas, as well as others who are closely involved in the end-of-life process, bring compassion and stability, helping to find ways to help ease the dying process mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. End-of-life doulas consider their work a calling, a sacred honor, and a privilege.

## Ask the Rabbi



### What is the Reform Movement's Approach to Cremation and How to Honor Cremains? (Rabbi Julie)

Jewish tradition has many rituals and practices around death. For some Jews, burial is the only option because out of respect we cannot discard the body when someone dies, so we bury it with reverence.

However, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the organizing body of Reform Rabbis wrote, as early as the 1890s, that cremation was permissible in Reform Judaism. This responsum, which has been updated many times since its initial publication, shares that cremation can sometimes be the preferable choice for a family thinking about burial options for their deceased loved one and is a completely valid option. Various Jewish sacred texts allude to bodies being burned upon death, so this practice may have ancient traditions within Judaism. Others connect the permissibility of this practice to a verse from *Genesis 3:19*, which states, "From dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Since the Holocaust, the idea of Jewish bodies being burned has pushed some away from cremation because of its connection to practices employed against the Jews. For others, they intentionally choose cremation because they want to reclaim the practice as one that enables agency of choice to the loved ones of the deceased.

The Reform value of choice through knowledge enables each person to make their own choice about how to memorialize a loved one upon their death. Therefore, in Reform communities, cremation is viewed as one of our options in addition to burial. Those who choose this practice cite many different reasons including personal choice, cost, or finding deep meaning in being able to have a loved one's ashes spread in a meaningful place. For others, environmental or space realities might encourage someone to choose cremation. Many meaningful rituals have been created to support those who choose this practice, including some choosing to leave the remains at a cemetery, which enables the family to have a place to visit their loved one. Everyone has different desires for memorial, and whether someone is buried at a cemetery or cremated, ashes scattered in a meaningful place or placed in a mausoleum, there are many ways to create meaningful opportunities for communities to gather and remember the loved one who passed away.



# Summer Jobs to Remember

*We asked readers to tell us about summer job experiences that created enduring memories.*

## Michael Bailit

It was the summer of 1980. I had just graduated high school and my dad decided it was time for me to work a real job before heading to college. I secured a minimum wage position at the American Door Company in Needham's Industrial Park.

Every morning I climbed on my Raleigh 10-speed to cycle three miles across town and insert my timecard by 7am. My job was to take hollow wooden doors from the machine that punched the doorknob hole and made the indentions for hinge placement, and then stack them.

Occasionally, there were diversions. One day the dump truck driver didn't show up at work, so I was assigned to drive the truck to the old Needham dump. Another time I was asked to accompany a Spanish-speaking employee to a Needham doctor after a door fell on his head.

I had a few different summer jobs, but this one was unlike any other!

## Jessica Baim

The summer after my sophomore year of college, I decided it was time to get a summer job that would provide some 'real' work experience in a field I thought I might enter: journalism/media studies. I also thought it would be good for my resume, unlike my previous work experiences of camp counselor and day care provider. I got a job as an intern at the National Journalism Center in Washington, DC, where I spent four weeks working on a research paper meant to mimic an in-depth news report (four weeks where I was frequently bored, given little direction or encouragement, and had a hard time connecting with my peers in the program) and four weeks interning at a local suburban newspaper (four weeks where I learned a lot about the newspaper business, was welcomed into the office, and was given responsibilities that had real impact despite only being in the office for a month). My takeaway from this experience was that your boss and colleagues matter almost as much as the job itself!

## Jeffrey Kaufman

In the late 1960s, I worked for a summer at Hughes Aircraft making electronics parts for Poseidon missiles. That job taught me about organization of workgroups in a large factory and what it is to be a factory worker. I saw firsthand the challenges of communication within a factory, especially those relating to quality control, and how there can be real issues when engineers and management do not really understand the manufacturing processes behind the product. The job involved use of toxic chemicals in what I later learned was a rather unsafe manner. The life lesson was that occupational safety issues are really important, so I have always been a great advocate for Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.



## Mark Kirstein

During the summer of 1978, I was doing clerical work at a law firm on Long Island while my friends were backpacking in Europe. On a whim, I walked into a travel agency that specializes in teen travel and asked if there was a need for an extra counselor on a teen tour. A staff member overheard me and asked if I would be interested in joining a cross-country trip that was already in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. I replied, “Yes!” He peeled off 2 fifty-dollar bills, gave me a sleeping bag and an American Trails West windbreaker. “Buy your ticket tomorrow morning at Kennedy Airport. There’s a flight at 9 AM.” Anyway, I had the summer of a lifetime. I met incredible counselors and campers, and saw magnificent sites. Here I am at Arches National Park, Utah. My message? Sometimes it’s good to take a risk, to “arch” our horizons.



# ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARJORIE SILVER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are pleased to share the establishment of the Marjorie Silver Camp Scholarship Fund at Temple Beth Shalom. Created in loving memory of Marjorie Silver by her family, the fund’s purpose is to help TBS families with financial need to send their children to Jewish overnight summer camp.

TBS has always enthusiastically encouraged families for whom Jewish camping will be meaningful to have their children participate. We have seen how transformative and Jewish-identity-strengthening the Jewish summer camping experience can be.

For the Silver family, specifically, camping has been a lifelong tradition dating back to 1959 when Margie first attended Camp Rapputak in Fryeburg, ME. During her eight summers, Margie was an outstanding athlete and appreciated the value of living together in a bunk with children who would become lifelong friends. Jim, for his part, was both a camper and counselor at Camp Cedar in Casco, ME, from 1960–1969. Jim and Marjorie’s daughters, Lauren and Alison, were campers at Tripp Lake Camp in Poland, ME, from 1988–2000. Grandchildren Zach and Matthew Baum currently attend Camp Bauercrest in Amesbury, MA, while grandson Jackson will be attending Camp Tawonga in Groveland, CA, for the first time, with younger brother Ethan soon to follow.

Over the years, the Silver family has recalled the closeness of their friends from camp and how these shared summer experiences have helped shape their values. In the words of the Silver family, the goal of the Marjorie Silver Camp Scholarship Fund is to have as many Jewish children develop their own friendships, memories, and ideals through camping so that they might carry these forward throughout their own lives.

As Jim shared with love: “Marjorie was a wonderful role model for our entire family in so many ways. She would be humbled and proud by how this fund honors her memory.”

To donate to the Marjorie Silver Camp Scholarship Fund, [please click \(LINK\)](#). To apply for Jewish overnight camp scholarship assistance, please contact Rabbi Todd Markley at [tmarkley@tbsneedham.org](mailto:tmarkley@tbsneedham.org).

*Zichronah Livrachah.* May Marjorie’s memory continue to inspire blessing.



# Resettlement Initiative Update

By Sarah Keselman and Rob Andrews

This past August, two Temple Beth Shalom members joined Rabbi Julie Bressler for an online informational meeting hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Boston (JCRC) to learn more about assisting newly arriving refugees from Afghanistan.

Over the next six weeks, TBS members learned more about the resettlement process from JCRC and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston (CCAB). On October 7, the TBS Resettlement Initiative was launched with a fundraising and volunteer recruitment pitch to the whole TBS community. The response was immediate and generous and extended beyond the TBS membership. That same week, the Initiative organizers connected with Jewish Family Service of Metrowest (JFS) and agreed to welcome a family of three arriving a few days later.



JFS of Metrowest follows the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society's model for resettlement. This model provides community-based groups with a framework for organizing our efforts and ethical guidelines to offer best practices. JFS staff have been invaluable in supporting our team and family. We are proud to be their partner.

A core team developed to take on leadership roles overseeing the family's health care, education, employment, housing, and community engagement. This has truly been an interfaith effort, with volunteers and supporters representing the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Bahá'í faiths.

The family was greeted at the airport late on an October evening. Temple members and other volunteers supported their early, slow steps of resettlement, including accompanying them to medical check-ups, providing English language tutoring multiple days a week, and introducing them to American grocery stores, pharmacies, and clothing.

In December, our team moved the family into a safe, fully furnished apartment in Chestnut Hill. Members of TBS and the larger community donated everything needed to make the apartment beautiful and welcoming, while a team of Needham High School students handled all of the heavy lifting and moving!

Since then the family has made considerable progress on their journey toward self-sufficiency. They have cell phones and received their COVID booster shots. They are receiving some government benefits including health insurance, and they have primary care physicians and dentists. They have a bank account, use public transportation, and pay bills online. Volunteers have been with them at appointments, have helped navigate calls with government agencies, explained bills and taken them on outings to learn about their new community.

Thanks to the networking help of a member of our volunteer team, the husband began his first job in America in mid-January and the family started to contribute to their rental payments, an important milestone in the resettlement process. The biggest milestone of all occurred in mid-March with the birth of their second son. While our team can never take the place of the large extended family that was left behind in Afghanistan, we have tried to show this family as much love and care as possible.

By the end of March, TBS had raised over \$49,000 for the Resettlement Initiative. This generosity has enabled us to support a second family. Our team is not providing the same volunteer assistance to this second family, as it is not needed, but we have provided rental assistance for one year. A TBS member family has graciously and generously offered this second family (and an additional refugee family) housing in a local rental property at below-market rates.

TBS has shown an incredible commitment to helping refugees from Afghanistan. As we turn on the nightly news, we know that refugees continue to come to our shores from other countries. The TBS Refugee Resettlement Fund will remain an active fund to be used for future refugee resettlement efforts we take on as a community.





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Bellow's masterful writings earned him the Pulitzer Prize, the Nobel Prize for Literature, and the National Medal of Arts. He is the only writer to win the National Book Award for Fiction three times and he received the National Book Foundation's lifetime Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters in 1990. In 1933 he came to teach at Boston University and moved to Brookline, Massachusetts, where he died on April 5, 2005, at age 89. Saul Bellow is buried at the Jewish cemetery Shir HeHarim of Brattleboro, Vermont.

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